

Ukraine: breaking point

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The war in Ukraine caused more than six thousand dead and hundreds of thousands displaced. Despite the agreements signed in Minsk every day there are violations of the ceasefire. On March 2, 2015 the High Commission for Human Rights released a report according to which the dead would be many more of 6000 declared. Over a million and 250 thousand displaced people. Torture, kidnappings, deliberate bombings on areas inhabited by civilians, war crimes allegedly committed by both sides. Debatselvo, fallen after a harsh siege, is now a ghost town. Buildings razed, booby traps and landmines scattered everywhere. three thousand people survive out of a population that exceeded twenty thousand. There's no water, gas, nor electricity. Who could flee did it. According to a report recently released by Rusi (Royal United Services Institute) there are, in the Donbass area, about 10,000 Russian soldiers since December of 2014, while unit of special forces (Spetnaz) would be operating in the region since July. Many Ukrainian citizens and foreigners were enrolled in the ultranationalist battalion like Pravy sector. For them, the war will end only when all the territory will be back under Ukrainian control. The scar on the neck of Zaur is fresh, uneven edges. Is the only one not move a step when the Kalash barking sporadic bursts. Chechen enlisted in Vostok, fights in the Donbass since the war began. In his company the majority of the fighters are Ukrainians, almost all former miners. None of them consider this war a civil war. They fight against fascism and neo-liberal financial West, against the aggression of NATO to the motherland Russia. The truth is far more complex. The possibility that in the Donbass collide two opposing fascism, but basically identical, is a question that no one can afford in the frontline.

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